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1. By order No 21, the Eldena Grenzbereitschaft was subordinated to the Chief of the Mecklenburg Landespolizei in cases of an alert or disaster.
2. The Eldena Grenzbereitschaft was commanded by Oberpolizeirat Mueller, (fnu). Personnel of the headquarters included Oberpolizeirat Schoenberg, (fnu), PK-Leiter; Polizeirat Tesch, (fnu), chief of staff; Kommissar Schneider, (fnu), first instructor; Polizeimeister Gries, (fnu), second instructor; Kommissar Ebel, (fnu), party secretary; Polizeimeister Wulf, (fnu), chief of personnel section; and Oberkommissar Lorenz, (fnu), chief of the newly established criminal border police.

Kommandantur I of the Grenzbereitschaft was located in Neuhaus, headed by Kommissar Techow, (fnu), and staffed with 30 police. It controlled four ~~40-man~~ Kommandos, the 1st in Boizenburg, the 2nd in Stiepel, the 3rd in Koriau and the 4th in ~~Vockfel~~. A school in Neuhaus for VP recruits undergoing brief courses there was headed by Polizeimeister Menzel, (fnu).

Kommandantur II of the Grenzbereitschaft was in Doernitz commanded by Polizeirat Toepper, (fnu), and staffed with 30 police. Kommissar Koglin, (fnu), was PK-Leiter, Polizeimeister Wende, (fnu), instructor, Kommissar Schmidt, (fnu), in charge of criminal border police and Kommissar Menschenn, (fnu), adjutant. The Kommandantur controlled the following 40-man Kommandos:

- a. 1st Kommando in Bitter, headed by Kommissar Foitzik, (fnu), with Polizeimeister Brehmer, (fnu), as PK-Leiter, and Hauptwachtmeister Wegener, (fnu), and **Oberwachtmeister** Balk, (fnu), as control NCOs.
 - b. 2nd Kommando in Bohnenburg, headed by Kommissar Mareck, (fnu), with Oberwachtmeister Korowski, (fnu), as PK-Leiter.
 - c. 3rd Kommando in Doemitz, headed by Kommissar Kojitzki, (fnu).
 - d. 4th Kommando in Kietz, headed by Kommissar Schlauer, (fnu).
- A police school in Doemitz was headed by Hauptwachtmeister Micksch, (fnu).

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
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5. Kommandantur III of the Grenzbereitschaft was in Lenzen, commanded by Kommissar Geier, (fnu), and staffed with 30 police. Kommandantur III controlled the 1st Kommando of six criminal policemen at the Wittenberge railroad station, the 2nd Kommando of 10 policemen in the Wittenberge border harbor, and the 3rd and 4th Kommandos of 40 policemen each, in Muggendorf and Fahrhaus. *
6. The superior Soviet headquarters of the Eldena Grenzbereitschaft was the Eldena Border Kommandatura "West", headed by Major Kastanov, (fnu). This higher headquarters was staffed by about 30 people and had branch offices with 30 men in Doemitz, Lenzen, Zahrendorf, Privelak and Pomau. The office in Doemitz was headed by Captain Kriglin, (fnu). The office in Zahrendorf worked with a local MVD office which had 80 men.
7. The Grenzpolizei personnel have been wearing the following silver-bordered light green shield with a silver letter on their upper sleeve since 1 March 1950:

8. The Grenzpolizei was recently issued uniform equipment, such as rucksacks worn by German Air Force troops, canteens, field bags, mess kits and leggings.
9. Personnel of the newly activated special force of the Bahnpolizei (railroad police) wear a blue armband with the silver embroidered letters SBZ. They are authorized to check passengers on all trains, including officers and enlisted personnel of the Volkspolizei.

*  Comment: The information on the Eldena VP Grenzbereitschaft confirms previous data.

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